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In re Application

Inventor(s): Charles Fritter et al.

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CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

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Date: May 15, 2006

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. §1.136(\$)

Dear Examiner Smith:

- 1. Responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 15, 2005, this is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of three (3) months.
- A response is attached herewith.
- 3. Applicant is other than a small entity.

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4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. section 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension:

Fee for other than small entity: three months \$1,020.00

Fee \$1,020.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension fee due with this request \$1,020.00

5. Extended period for response

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on May 15, 2006.

6. Fee Payment

Charge fee to Account No. 03 2270. This is a request to charge for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

A duplicate copy of this petition is attached

Respectfully submitted,

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